

2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Austin Public Health

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REQUEST: Please provide a list of programs provided by the community and by the city targeted at improving infant mortality rates in Travis County including a brief program description, annual funding levels, and the number of clients served by each program. Please also provide a table of options for increasing the funds for these programs by 5% and the associated increase in clients that would be served by the additional funding.

RESPONSE: Infant mortality rate is the number of deaths per 1,000 live births, and is one of the main indicators used by the World Health Organization to rate the level of child health and overall development in countries. The State of Texas has an infant mortality rate of 5.1 deaths per 1,000 births, and the infant mortality rate for African Americans is double (10.8/1,000).

The following pages include a table detailing a list of programs provided by the community and by the city targeted at improving infant mortality rates.

Organization	Program	Program Description	Annual Budget	Unduplicated clients annual goal	Cost for 5% increase	Estimated increase in clients served
Any Baby Can	Ready Families Collaborative	This collaborative includes an extensive network of partners that provide services aimed at preventing problems associated with lack of parenting knowledge, lack of resources for early development and lack of ability to achieve self-sufficiency for families with children between the ages of 0-5. The collaborative has partners who provide information, support and education to pregnant women to decrease pre-term labor, low birth weight and other adverse birth outcomes.	\$1,612,016 (Social Service funding through APH)	648	\$80,600	32*
The University of Texas at Austin	Mama Sana/Vibrant Woman Maternal Health Equity Program	Program aims to improve birth outcomes and maternal/infant health among vulnerable communities of color in Austin by addressing the unique barriers faced by low-income African-American and Latina women. The program provides culturally congruent prenatal and birth support services, improves access to and quality of care. Clients receive immediate referrals as needed, social support, prenatal education, access to skills and support groups, and emotional, physical, and logistical support during pregnancy, at birth, and in the first 3 months post-partum.	\$398,970 (Social Service Funding through APH)	150	\$19,949	8*
Travis County Health and Human Services	Healthy Families -Extension	<p>The project, funded through 1115 Waiver, will provide home visiting and family support services based on the evidence-based Healthy Families America model to improve families' access to preventive services including establishing a medical home, immunizations, well-child checks, developmental assessments, parenting education, and home and personal safety practices such as car seats. Target population for the extension project is African American and Latino families. Patient impact and outcomes are expected to include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An established Medical Provider • Injury and disease prevention • Age-appropriate child development • Utilization of appropriate area resources 	\$250,000 annual contract. Travis County has not spent down their entire annual contract amount since the beginning of the project in FY14. Travis County has	27 families	Travis County cannot spend down their current contract amount of \$250,000. There is no reason to believe that they would be able to spend	N/A

			left between \$42K and \$94K unspent every year.		down additional funds for this project. The State 1115 Waiver program is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2017	
Austin Public Health	Maternal Infant Outreach Program	: MIOP seeks to improve maternal health and birth outcomes for Black women and babies using the Community Health Worker (CHW) model. CHWs provide women with psychosocial support, referrals for community resources, help accessing health and social services, health education, time with other pregnant women and moms in support and learning groups, and home visiting. MIOP CHWs are Black women who have experienced the same socioeconomic and systemic barriers that can impact maternal health and birth outcomes. The CHW position is an entry level opportunity for City employment. All training necessary, including certifications are provided as part of the program.	\$471,616 (1115 waiver grant)	182	\$23,580	9
APH	Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	WIC is a health and nutrition program that provides nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support and referrals to other health and community resources to women, infants and children who are at or below 185% federal poverty level. Austin Public Health has 12 WIC locations in Travis County along with Mom's Place Lactation Support Center. Nutrition education and supplemental food packages help ensure pregnant women receive necessary nutrients for a healthy pregnancy. WIC prenatal screenings examine participant weight, hemoglobin level, medical history and dietary intake to determine nutrition and health risks early on.	\$5,873, 258 (Federal Grant)	26,000 participants including 2300 pregnant women and 4400 breast feeding women	N/A - 5% increase should support prenatal programs listed above.	N/A

		WIC provides referrals to services that improve prenatal and maternal health, including smoking cessation, substance abuse counseling, dental care, and other critical health services. In addition, WIC nutritionists refer all interested pregnant clients to one of six local programs that work to improve maternal and child health and improve birth outcomes, 4 of which are listed above.				
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*Estimates are based on the funding increase proportionally with the number of clients served. These numbers would need to be negotiated with the agency and may vary depending on the costs and materials associated with administering the program.